

Free Fire Alarms

The NACHI Foundation has been awarded a grant from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. The grant will span over one year and will be used to give smoke detectors to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing and are not otherwise able to obtain them.

To apply for a FREE visual fire alarm, please go to:

www.safehousecampaign.com/application.php

The NACHI Foundation, Safe House Program Press Release:

The deaf and hard of hearing community consists of up to 28 million Americans according to FEMA reports. Many of these individuals live in poverty. These individuals are often unable to afford the smoke alarms that are designed to be seen by them, even in their sleep. The alarms can cost upwards to \$200 and most models require hard wiring by an electrician which drives up the cost even more. Therefore, these homes go largely unprotected. Hard of hearing residents have little chance of escape from advanced fires with no early notice. Many more that can afford the devices are unaware of their existence. Emphasis is placed on communications equipment that can be used by the deaf and hard of hearing, but safety devices like smoke alarms go without much thought. This mentality exists even in non hearing impaired homes. However more emphasis is constantly placed on smoke alarms while these specialty devices go without emphasis even from any of the major fire prevention groups. The NACHI Foundation, in considering this evidence and facts, has determined that there is still a large hole to fill in the deaf communities. We have thus begun a program to distribute visual smoke alarms free of charge to the deaf and hard of hearing.

Please visit www.safehousecampaign.com to help by volunteering or making a pledge to help further our cause.